

REMARKS

Claims 14-18 have been rejected under 35 USc 103(a) as unpatentable over Gorsuch in view of Petersen. Claims 19-21 are allowable if rewritten in independent form to include any base and intervening claims. The rejections are moot in view of the cancellation to claims 14-18, and the amendment to claim 17 to incorporate the limitations of allowable claim 19. Claims 20 and 21, depending from claim 17, are similarly patentable.

In light of the present amendments, Applicants respectfully submit that the present claims are allowable. An early Notice of Allowance is earnestly requested. If any fees are due in connection with this application as a whole, the Examiner is authorized to deduct such fees from deposit account no. 02-1818. If such a deduction is made, please indicate the attorney docket number (119010-322) on the account statement.

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